

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:685

ANSWERED ON:09.05.2003

ASBESTOS CEMENT PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Asbestos Cement plant in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases of lung cancer among workers of these Asbestos Cement plant detected during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check issuance of fresh licences to the manufacturing units of asbestos related industries in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.685 FOR ANSWER ON 9.5.2003 REGARDING ASBESTOS CEMENT PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY.

(a): The number of Asbestos Cement Plants in the Country, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.

(b): No separate information is collected and maintained on the incidence of lung cancer in asbestos industries centrally.

(c): Asbestos and asbestos products manufacturing industries have been delicensed with effect from 11.3.1998.

However, asbestos based industries require prior environmental clearance, irrespective of the size of the plant and level of investment. The provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 1994 relating to medical health care of the workers, occupational health & hygiene have to be adhered to all by all asbestos based units. Further, these units have to comply with various BIS safety and health related standards for use of asbestos and asbestos products.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.685 for answer on 9.5.2003 regarding Asbestos Cement Plants in the Country.

State-wise distribution of number of Asbestos Cement Plants in the Country.

S.No. Name of States No. of chrysotile plants

1. Assam 1

2. Andhra Pradesh 3

3 Gujarat 1

4 Jharkhand 1

5 Haryana 1

6 Karnataka 1

7 Kerala 1

8 Madhya Pradesh 2

9 Maharashtra 9

10 Orissa 1

11 Tamil Nadu 6

12 Uttar Pradesh 1

13 West Bengal 2

14 Rajasthan 1

15 Union Territory of Dadar & Nagar Haveli 1

Total 32

Source: The Asbestos Cement Products Manufacturers` Association.